State Govt.	FCI	State Govt/ Agencies.	Jointly	Total
Punjab	489	1068	89	1646
Haryana	68	211	52	331
Bihar	40	2000	—	2040
Madhya Pradesh	198	—	590	788

In Uttar Pradesh, District Magistrates have been authorised to open purchase centres as per local requirements.

Wastage of Foodgrains

†2676. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foodgrains are wasted during the process of keeping the foodgrains in the godowns of Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the foodgrains wasted during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 in these godowns, year-wise; and

(c) the loss in terms of rupee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes Sir. Since foodgrains are perishable commodities, storage losses do occur. The reasons amongst others, are multiple handling, long storage, pest attack and also due to exposure to vagaries of atmospheric condition.

(b) and (c) The accounts for the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 have not been audited. The projected storage losses and its value as per the performance budget are as under:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Year	Qty. in lakh MTs	Amount in Rs. / Crores	% of loss
1999-2000 (Prov.)	1.60	150.00	0.32
2000-2001 (Prov.)	2.24	227.00	0.57
2000-2002 (Prov.)	2.46	266.00	0.44

The storage loss in terms of percentage shows a downward trend from 0.57% in 2000-01 to 0.44% in 2001-02, whereas the value has gone up due to increase in acquisition cost and increased volume of issues.

Allocation of Foodgrains for TPDS in A.P.

2677. DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the difference in number of BPL families in Andhra Pradesh for Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) still persists between the Central and State Governments;

(b) what efforts were made to sort out the differences;

(c) the reasons for not allocating foodgrains demanded by the State for TPDS when Godowns of FCI are over flowing and foodgrains are rotting there; and

(d) the remedial measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The number of BPL families as per the Government of India estimates in Andhra Pradesh is 40.63 lakhs against which the State Government has identified 113 lakhs. The State wise number of BPL families have been worked out as per the poverty estimates of the Planning Commission for the year 1993-94 adopting the methodology of the Expert Group applied to the population projections of the Registrar General as on 1.3.2000. This basis is being uniformly applied for allocation of foodgrains to all BPL families in the country without exception and cannot be changed for any one State in isolation.